



COEUR D'ALENE BASIN

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Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

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- The draft Feasibility Study (FS) is now out for review. The document consists of three parts: Part One - Overview; Part Two - Human Health Alternatives (distributed under separate cover in October 2000); and Part Three - Ecological Alternatives. The appendices for Part Three are included as a CD-ROM. In some cases, areas of the FS are still under development. These areas are noted where appropriate throughout the document and are introduced in Section 6.0 of Part One - Key Technical Issues. EPA will continue working with interested parties on these issues concurrent with review periods on the draft interim documents. Comments on this document are requested by March 13, 2001.
- The record on the RI/FS remains open through the Record of Decision. Therefore, individuals or organizations can submit comments at any time up to and during the formal public comment period on the Proposed Plan and Administrative Record.

Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:

"Comments and Responses on: Public Review Draft Human Health Risk Assessment for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Extending from Harrison to Mullan on the Coeur d'Alene River and Tributaries, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, July 2000". December 2000

"Draft Feasibility Study Report - Coeur d'Alene Basin Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study" December 2000

"Report of Injury Assessment and Injury Determination: Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Damage Assessment" September 2000

Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights

Bureau of Land Management - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

Coeur d'Alene Tribe - Contact: Phillip Cernera - (208)667-4119

Panhandle Health District- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

Private Land Owners/Managers - Contact Frank Frutchey - (208) 682-2077

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

State of Idaho - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 783-5781
The Consensus Process is to the point of discussing the dilemmas presented by the range of alternatives developed by the group thus far. The last workshop to complete the work exploring the pros and cons of these dilemmas is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Associated Realtors building located at 421 Lakeside Ave. in Coeur d'Alene. A draft document will be distributed before the workshop in January with the points for discussion. The final public summit has been set for February 12th and 13th from 4 to 9 p.m. For convenience of the stakeholders, the session will be held one of the days in the Valley and repeated the other day in Coeur d'Alene. The locations will be announced later. Please call Kathy Johnson at (208)783-5781 or (208) 660-1146 for further information.

The State of Idaho released its draft preliminary Human Health Risk Management Strategy for the Basin for public review and comment. To request a copy of the document call the DEQ office in Kellogg (208/783-5781) or Kathy Johnson at (208/660-1146).

State of Washington Department of Ecology - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

United States Forest Service - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

United States Geological Survey - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

Calendar of Events

January 3rd, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CAC RI/FS Task Force. Rose Lake Historical Society Building (Rose Lake, Idaho). Draft Remedial Investigation, Consensus Process, Idaho's draft Human Health Risk Management Strategy, and RI/FS schedule.

January 9th and 23rd, 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition. Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month)

January 16th, 1 to 5 p.m.

Coeur d'Alene Basin Consensus Building Process . Associated Realtors Building (421 Lakeside Ave. in Coeur d'Alene.) Complete the work exploring the pros and cons of the "dilemmas" identified at previous workshops.

February 12th and 13th, 4 to 9 p.m.

Coeur d'Alene Basin Consensus Building Process . Public Summit. Locations (one in upper Basin and one in Coeur d'Alene) TBA.